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### A NEEDLESS ALARM

"It appears in spite of all the discussion and the great number of bills introduced in the legislature, as a matter of fact there was but one act passed which has any permanent effect upon the Smith one per cent law, and this is the one which provides for a levy of one half mill to carry out the good roads policy advocated by the state by the improvement of certain market roads throughout the commonwealth," says A. B. Peckinpaugh, a new member of the State Tax Commission, who was appointed recently by Governor Cox.

The statement was made after Peckinpaugh had digested all of the tax laws passed by the general assembly. It seems that there is no cause for the alarm that has been sounded in behalf of the tax payers. Mr. Peckinpaugh says the levy for good roads is the only bill passed by the general assembly that has any effect upon the Smith law, and that measure needs no defense.

Regarding the tax legislation passed during the recent legislative session, Mr. Peckinpaugh says: "While there are a number of acts which affect the Smith law in a slight degree, yet there are only three which permit levies in excess of the ten and fifteen mill limitations. The first of these is the bill providing for a state levy for the construction of certain market roads throughout the state. The second is the bill providing for the issue of bonds for the repair of damages caused by the recent floods, and, of course, the amount to be levied will be determined by the extent of the damage in the different localities. The third is the bill providing that levies may be made for restoring school houses which have been destroyed by fire or other casualty or have been condemned by lawful authorities. The amount of this excess will be determined by the local authorities in each instance. Of these three the last two are temporary only and were made necessary by the great damage caused to public works by the recent floods, and in isolated cases to provide for the reconstruction of school houses destroyed by fire or other casualty."

### ONTO THEIR CURVES

The proposal of the standpat Republican party leaders to take back the Bull Moose is like the request of the Lion for the Lamb to lie down with him.

The Lion was hungry and wanted a meal.

Republican leaders are hungry (for office.)

The Lion swallowed the Lamb, when the latter ventured over to him. Republican standpat leaders would have swallowed the Bull Moose and dictated as they always have.

A clever trap was laid. If the Bull Moose had walked into it they would have been branded as hypocrites, their party would have been wrecked, they would have had no alternative but to remain in the Republican party.

The Bull Moose would again have felt the same old steam roller that crushed them a short year ago.

But Foxy Harry Daugherty et al. did not catch Walter Brown, Arthur L. Garford and James R. Garfield napping. No! The three announced that amalgamation is impossible when it was broached. The election laws are against it, but Brown did not rely upon legal technicalities when he declined the proposal. He did not use a veneer of refined words to hide his mean opinion of the Republican party. He frankly spoke his opinion of the G. O. P. as follows:

"The Republican party today, with a few conspicuous exceptions, who will soon find their positions untenable, is made up of standpaters, who would solve the problems of the present and future by some rule of thumb of the past; men who believe that the masses can prosper only by the crumbs which fall from rich men's tables; men convinced that the people are unfit to govern themselves, cynically denounce the initiative, referendum and recall, and by the use of patronage and other devices of the boss system, brazenly override the verdict of popular primaries; men who interpret the constitution, not to establish justice, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,

but to promote and protect special privileges."

Rather rough and severe language to use upon those gentlemen of the G. O. P., who have always taken great pride in their announced high ideals and political convictions. But Brown's estimate exactly coincides with what the Democratic party has maintained in all its struggles with the Republican party. And Brown's opinion is good. He was for years on the inside of Republican party politics. He knows the ropes thoroughly.

Outside of disappointed Republican office seekers, no one will blame Brown and his progressives for declining to associate with such an abominable, culpable and nefarious element as Brown says composes the ruling element in the G. O. P.

### NORTH LIBERTY

The fruit in this locality has to a large extent escaped serious injury by frost.

G. W. Bauer has begun the erection of a new barn for Zach Arnold.

Otto Dunmire, Walter Beal, A. H. Cunningham, Rev. G. W. Strausbaugh, Eliza Harris and Walter Gilmore have lately bought autos.

Mrs. Hagerman, an aged lady living with her daughter, Mrs. William Wharton, had the misfortune to fall one day last week and break her hip. Owing to her age her condition is critical.

Mrs. Anna Leedy will soon leave for the home of her daughter living near Indianapolis, Ind., where she will remain during the summer.

### FRIENDSHIP

The veteran service for aged ministers held at this place Sunday evening was a success in every particular.

Rev. Shepherd, president of the Muskingum conference, will preach at this place Sunday evening, May 18th.

Mr. S. F. Carey of Mt. Vernon spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Evaline Carey.

The Misses Lybarger and Miss Erma Cotton of Hopewell were guests of Miss Edna Bricker Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Scarbrough of Mt. Vernon was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Brown, Saturday night and Sunday.

The Sunday school of this place will observe Children's day Sunday evening, June 8th.

### FAIRVIEW

Frank Rinehart and family spent Sunday with Julia Stevens.

The Misses Davis of Martinsburg attended church here Sunday.

Cynthia Tulloss visited relatives at Columbus last week.

Nellie Oldaker and children spent Sunday with Ray McWilliams near Newark.

Mr. George Black and fellow students of Granville will hold services here Sunday morning and evening, May 18th. On May 25th at 7:30 the Appleton entertaining company will give an interesting programme.

Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren gathered at the home of M. C. Bone Sunday in honor of his 80th birthday anniversary.

### CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE

Boston, Mass., May 15—From every section of the country men and women having a common interest in the mental, moral and physical training of the youth of the land assembled in Boston today to participate in the seventeenth child-welfare conference of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' Associations. A meeting of national officers and managers inaugurated the programme this morning. The formal opening of the conference takes place tonight and tomorrow morning the business sessions will begin and continue for six days.

Among the prominent men and women who will address the conference are Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the Federal children's bureau; Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education; Dr. G. Stanley Hall, president of Clark University; Joseph Lee, president of the Playground Association of America; Mrs. Mary S. Woolman, president of the Woman's Industrial and Educational Union; F. W. Matthews, of Plainfield, N. J., secretary of the Boy Scouts' library department, and Mrs. Frederick Schoff, president of the National Congress of Mothers.

### TO ADVERTISE TENNESSEE

Columbia, Tenn., May 15—A novel plan to advertise Tennessee and to call public attention to its resources was launched here today at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Press Association. Every editor in attendance agreed to publish in each issue of his paper at least 500 words concerning the industrial opportunities and undeveloped resources of his district.

## A GRAFTED TREE

By ELIZABETH WEED

Farmer Perks was very proud of an apple tree that grew beside the front door of his house. The apples it bore were greenings, and there was usually a bountiful crop. Perks' son, Abel, was engaged to Amanda Squeers, who was a very thrifty and a very shrewd girl. The old man was a widower, with no other children except Abel, and when the father died the son would inherit all his property. But Perks wouldn't either die or give Abel enough on which to be married.

One day the farmer brought home a bough of an apple tree and grafted it on to a limb of his favorite apple tree that pointed directly toward his house.

Not long after this a man named Schmitt came to settle an account with the farmer that had been of long standing. The man had put in a culvert for Perks which had been washed away, and Perks, who had been obliged to have the work done over by another mason, refused to pay the bill presented by the first. The creditor came after supper in the evening and remained arguing with and threatening Perks with a lawsuit till 10 o'clock. Perks was not well, and the controversy occurred in his bedroom on the second story. Abel was in the house, but at 10 o'clock he went to bed in another part of the house and was soon sound asleep.

When in the morning he went into his father's room the old man was dead. There was evidence that he had been struck on the head with some hard instrument like a poker. Abel called in the neighbors and told them the facts. Schmitt was arrested. But he had evidently prepared himself for the ordeal awaiting him, for he denied having been at Perks' house at all. Indeed, he said he had spent the evening with a man ten miles from Perks' talking about some work both were to do together. The man corroborated Schmitt's statement. Why he did so was never known. But it was supposed that Schmitt made a confidant of him and either worked on his feelings or paid him to save him.

Suspicion then fell on Abel, who inherited his father's estate. He was arrested, but since there was not a scrap of evidence against him, except that he and his father were the only two persons known to be in the house on the night of the murder, the jury hung for a long while, then finally brought in a verdict of acquittal. But his neighbors believed him guilty and refused thereafter to have anything to do with him.

Amanda Squeers alone believed in her lover's innocence and that Schmitt had committed the murder. She had only Abel's word for Schmitt's having been at the house to collect his bill and that Abel had left him with his father when he went to bed. But she knew, apart from her lover's statement, by a woman's intuition, that Schmitt had done the murder. She married Abel and accepted the stigma that rested upon him.

Three years passed. One summer Amanda noticed that the bough Perks had grafted to his apple tree would grow if the ash were left up into a window of the old man's former bedroom. The weather being warm, she propped up the ash, and the bough, covered with blossoms, extended a yard or more into the room. One day in midsummer she passed Schmitt's house and said to him:

"Mr. Schmitt, it has been revealed to me who killed my husband's father. That has always been a mystery, and I confess I have always believed you did the deed. Now I know who did it. Come to the house tomorrow afternoon and I will convince you."

Schmitt kept a steady face, but with in he trembled. He did not wish to go to her house, and he dare not stay away. Above all, he felt that he must know if Mrs. Perks had any clue. He did not say to her whether or no he would accept her invitation, but the next afternoon, bracing himself with a strong potation, he started for the house.

Amanda welcomed him at the door, and so cordially that he was persuaded to believe that she had got on to a wrong track and had become convinced of his innocence. He saw no one in the house, and that gave him courage. At any rate, there were no witnesses to what would occur. Amanda chatted with him for a time on ordinary matters, then said:

"Now, if you will follow me I will enable you to prove your innocence of the murder."

She led the way up the staircase and into the room in which the murder had been committed. The window sash was up, and the end of a branch of the apple tree extended into the room. On it were several ripe apples.

"The other night," said Amanda, "Mr. Perks appeared to me in a dream. I saw him as vivid and distinct as I see you now. And he said: 'I have caused a bough of my greening apple tree to grow into my bedroom window. If the man who murdered me eats of one of the apples it will show within stains of my blood.' Pluck an apple, Mr. Schmitt, and prove your innocence."

Schmitt turned pale, but plucked an apple, though his hand trembled as he did so. Raising it to his mouth he looked at the gap he had left and fell in a swoon on the floor. There were blood red streaks in it.

The graft Farmer Perks had made was from a tree which produced fruit containing streaks similar to those of a blood orange.

## NEW RULE

Limits The Size Of Baggage

After June 1

Trunks Must Not Exceed 45 Inches In Measurement

On and after June 1 railroad baggage agents will have to be provided with a tape measure or rule for immediate use in the event of doubt concerning the dimensions of a piece of baggage. Under a new rule, and with the approval of the interstate commerce commission, the size of trunks and other baggage will be limited to 45 inches as the maximum dimension of any measurement. The baggage regulations in effect at present will not be revised to any extent beyond the new rule on the size of the parcels.

The rules governing the handling of baggage provides that any parcel up to 150 pounds in weight and within the measurement described is hauled free on each adult ticket and 75 pounds on each half ticket. Two hundred and fifty pounds is the maximum weight of any piece or parcel which will be handled as baggage. The new baggage rules provide that baggage parcels exceeding 45 inches in dimensions for any measurement shall be charged on the basis of five pounds excess for each inch or fraction thereof over 45 inches. Globular, dome or protrudent measurements are not excepted. The maximum measurement of the baggage has been fixed at 72 inches anything larger than this will not be transported on passenger trains. An exception is made, however, with regard to flexible cases, containing whips used as samples by salesmen for saddlery concerns. Scenery for public entertainments also excepted. The new regulations do not apply on immigrant baggage checked at the port of landing.

The excess baggage rate is based on the scale of 10 2-3 per cent of the first class ticket per 100 pounds. For example, a passenger with a piece of baggage weighing 200 pounds would be charged for 50 pounds excess, or at the rate of one-twelfth the charge of a first class ticket between the points of departure and destination. The minimum charge for excess baggage is 25 cents.

### HER PROTESTS HAD A LIMIT.

Upon her hand, so small and white,  
He very gently laid his own.  
She drew it back as if in fright  
And whispered in a trembling tone,  
"You mustn't!"

He sat a little nearer still,  
Whereat she moved her chair away.  
He gazed down in her eye until  
He heard her rather feebly say,  
"You mustn't!"

He bent above her where she sat  
And softly stroked her aiken hair.  
She seemed so startled that she said,  
She could not faintly still declare,  
"You mustn't!"

Around her waist he slipped an arm  
And drew her closely to his side.  
She seemed possessed of wild alarm  
And in imploring accents cried,  
"You mustn't!"

Deciding to possess the bliss  
That fate had put within his reach,  
He claimed a sweet and fervid kiss.  
But did she then in horror scream,  
"You mustn't!"  
She didn't.  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

### SEEING OURSELVES.

If with our own eyes we could see ourselves as we are seen by others and the evidence of our own defects were as apparent to us as they are to our friends and enemies we should speedily seek means to avoid lapses, correct faults and supply deficiencies. On the whole, it is a munificent provision of the Creator that we cannot always see ourselves, because, as we are with ourselves so much more than with any one else, we might be dismayed by a too continuous introspection.—Edgar A. Russell.

### Trying to Start a Fashion.

At a charity entertainment which took place at the home of a prominent woman in Paris recently one of the late arrivals was a man who wore conventional evening dress as to cut, but the material was described in the published accounts as "very pale blue, with darker blue satin collar and cuffs on the short waisted and long tailed coat." The guests had not all seen the man when he disappeared, and it was learned later that he was an impudent member of a good family, who had accepted pay to show a possible style for the coming season.

### Did Him.

Brown—I got mixed up in a real estate deal last week. Brown—Did you? Brown—Yes; they did.—Sidney Sulzberg.

Method will teach you to win time.—Goethe.

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### SLAYER OF LITTLE BOY TO HANG

Washington, D. C., May 15—Sentenced to be executed in the district jail tomorrow for one of the cruelest murders in the criminal annals of Washington, Tony Milano's only hope of escaping the gallows lies in the remote possibility that President Wilson may grant an eleventh-hour stay. Milano, an Italian shoemaker with a little shop at 4th and H streets, was convicted on a charge of having killed twelve-year-old Harry Smith with blows of a hammer the night of September 9, 1911.

It was alleged that the boy went to the shoe shop to get change and that Milano, who had been annoyed by other boys, thought the boy's stammering was a method of making fun of him. Early on the morning following the alleged murder Milano set fire to his shop, it was contended for the purpose of destroying evidence of his crime. A sister of his victim, driven frantic by the death of her brother, later took her life.

### SHRINERS TOURING TEXAS

Dallas, Texas, May 15—As guests of the people of Texas hundreds of visitors who have been attending the national gathering of Mystic Shriners here this week departed today on a 1,000-mile tour of the Lone Star State. Special trains have been chartered for the tour, which will include stops in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston and other cities and points of interest.

### GEN. SMITH QUITS ACTIVE SERVICE

Washington, D. C., May 15—Brigadier General Frederick A. Smith, who has been commanding the Fifth brigade at Omaha, was placed on the retired list of the army today on account of having reached the age limit of 64 years. Gen. Smith is a native of New York and was graduated from West Point in 1873. His entire career has been in connection with the infantry branch of the service. In his early days as an officer he served in Indian campaigns in Arizona, Nevada and the Dakotas. In the war with Spain he saw active service in Cuba and Porto Rico and later participated in the suppression of the insurrection in the Philippines. He reached the grade of brigadier-general in 1908.

### MILITARY WEDDING IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., May 15—A wedding of interest in military circles took place in St. John's Church at noon today, when Miss Feroline Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins, became the bride of Captain Robert Wallace, U. S. A. The Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's, officiated at the ceremony. The wedding journey of the bridal couple will end at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, where Captain Wallace is stationed.

### TO DEBATE ON CANAL TOLLS

Lexington, Ky., May 15—A debating contest between teams representing the law schools of Vanderbilt University and the State University of Kentucky takes place tomorrow night and promises to be one of the most interesting events of the university year. Kentucky will have the affirmative and Vanderbilt the negative side of the question: "Resolved, That All American Vessels Engaged in Coastwise Trade Should Have Use of the Panama Canal, Free of Toll."

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### PRESBYTERIANS IN HARMONY

Atlanta, Ga., May 15—With nearly 5,000 guests within her gates Atlanta is doing her best to be an ideal hostess to the great gathering of Presbyterians which opened here today. The occasion is the first in the history of the Presbyterian denomination that the four branches of the church have met at the same time and place. The joint meeting of the general assemblies represents the Presbyterian church of the United States of America, northern branch; the Presbyterian church of the United States, southern branch; the United Presbyterian church and the Associated Reformed church.

The sermons of the retiring moderators and the elections of their successors occupied the time of the general assemblies today, following the work of organization. That the joint gathering is regarded as a giant stride toward the union of all Presbyterians was indicated in the tone of the opening addresses. The Southern Presbyterians and the United Presbyterians are to combine into one organization before the end of the present assemblies. While there is no expectation that the Northern and Southern branches of the church will be united in the immediate future, the hope is expressed on every hand that this end may be accomplished within a very few years.

### AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ARTS

Washington, D. C., May 15—Art museums and industrial art are the chief subjects slated for consideration by the American Federation of Arts, which began its fourth annual convention in the capital today with a good attendance of delegates. President Robert W. De Forest of New York presided at the opening session. A reception at the Corcoran Art Gallery and a garden party to be given by the President and Mrs. Wilson at the White House tomorrow afternoon are included in the programme prepared for the entertainment of the delegates.

### Tipping the Cook.

In old times to dine with a nobleman cost more in tips to the servants than a club dinner. Lord Pour, a well named Irish peer, excused himself from dining with the Duke of Ormond upon the ground that he could not afford it. "If you will give me the guinea I have to pay your cook, I will come as often as you choose to ask me"—which was accordingly done. The duke, however, had not the pluck to stop the tipping practice. Lord Taaffe, a general officer in the Austrian service, did what he could. He always attended his guests to the door. When they put their hands into their pockets he said: "No. If you do give it, give it to me, for it was I who paid for your dinner." To Sir Timothy Waldo must be given the credit of putting an end to the monstrous practice. After dinner with the Duke of Newcastle he put a crown into the cook's hand. It was rejected. "I do not take silver, sir." "Very good. And I do not give gold." This courageous rejoinder "caught on," and the day of vails to cooks was over.—St. James' Gazette.

### Made Him Hungry.

"I'm hungry," complained a busy husband the other day.  
"But you just had breakfast," argued his wife.  
"I know it," answered the husband, "but as soon as I finished I drank a glass of water, and all those glasses takes shrank right down to nothing."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

### A Consoling Thought.

"When another man has succeeded where you failed to try you must feel horribly ashamed."  
"No, I don't. I simply go around telling everybody that 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread,' and it's very consoling."—Detroit Free Press.



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### NOTED MEN TO

ADDRESS Y. M. C. A.

Cincinnati, O., May 15—Secretary of State William J. Bryan, John R. Mott of New York, Cyrus McCormick of Chicago and a number of other men of wide prominence are among the scheduled speakers at the international conference of the Young Men's Christian Association, which assembled in this city today for a three days' session. The attendance is made up of delegates representing hundreds of branches of the organization throughout the United States and Canada.

### BANKERS MEET AT SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Cal., May 15—Many leading bankers and financiers of the Pacific coast were present here today at the opening of the annual convention of the California Bankers' Association. The exchange of greetings and the annual reports of officers and committees occupied the initial session. This afternoon the visitors were taken on an automobile ride to Point Loma and the exposition grounds. The convention will continue until Saturday night.

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